

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of treating a metal surface, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a metal surface, said metal surface chosen from the group

consisting of:

- a metal surface having a zinc-containing coating;
- zinc; and
- zinc alloy;

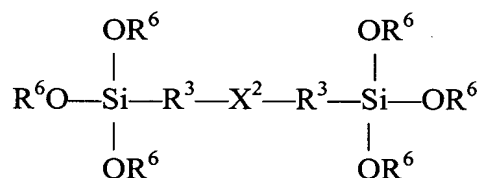
and

(b) applying a silane solution to said metal surface, said silane solution

having at least one vinyl silane and at least one bis-silyl aminosilane, wherein said at least

one vinyl silane and said at least one bis-silyl aminosilane have been at least partially

hydrolyzed, and wherein the bis-silyl aminosilane comprises:



wherein:

-each  $\text{R}^6$  is individually chosen from the group consisting of: hydrogen and  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{24}$  alkyl;

- each  $\text{R}^3$  is individually chosen from the group consisting of: substituted aliphatic groups, unsubstituted aliphatic groups, substituted aromatic groups, and unsubstituted aromatic groups; and

- $\text{X}^2$  is either:

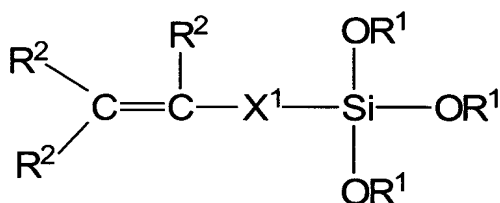


-wherein each  $\text{R}^4$  is hydrogen; and

-R<sup>5</sup> is chosen from the groups consisting of: substituted and unsubstituted aliphatic groups, and substituted and unsubstituted aromatic groups; and  
 wherein the ratio (by volume) of the total concentration of vinyl silanes to the total concentration of bis-silyl aminosilanes in said silane solution is ~~at least about 1~~ greater than 4.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said vinyl silane has a trisubstituted silyl group, and wherein the substituents are individually chosen from the group consisting of hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy and acyloxy.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein said vinyl silane comprises:



wherein:

- each R<sup>1</sup> is individually chosen from the group consisting of: hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>24</sub> alkyl and C<sub>2</sub> - C<sub>24</sub> acyl;
- X<sup>1</sup> is chosen from the group consisting of: a C-Si bond, substituted aliphatic groups, unsubstituted aliphatic groups, substituted aromatic groups, and unsubstituted aromatic groups; and
- each R<sup>2</sup> is individually chosen from the group consisting of: hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkyl substituted with at least one amino group, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl substituted with at least one amino group, arylene, and alkylarylene.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein each R<sup>1</sup> is individually chosen from the group consisting of: hydrogen, ethyl, methyl, propyl, iso-propyl, butyl, iso-butyl, sec-butyl, ter-butyl and acetyl.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein X<sup>1</sup> is chosen from the group consisting of: a C-Si bond, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkylene, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkenylene, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkylene substituted

with at least one amino group, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>6</sub> alkenylene substituted with at least one amino group, arylene, and alkylarylene.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein each R<sup>2</sup> is individually chosen from the group consisting of: hydrogen, ethyl, methyl, propyl, iso-propyl, butyl, iso-butyl, sec-butyl, ter-butyl and acetyl.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein each R<sup>6</sup> is individually chosen from the group consisting of: hydrogen, ethyl, methyl, propyl, iso-propyl, butyl, iso-butyl, sec-butyl and ter-butyl.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is individually chosen from the group consisting of: C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>10</sub> alkylene, C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>10</sub> alkenylene, arylene, and alkylarylene.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is chosen from the group consisting of: C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkylene, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenylene, arylene, and alkylarylene.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said bis-silyl aminosilane is chosen from the group consisting of: *bis*-(trimethoxysilylpropyl)amine, *bis*-(triethoxysilylpropyl)amine, and *bis*-(trimethoxysilylpropyl)ethylene diamine.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said vinyl silane is chosen from the group consisting of: vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinyltriethoxysilane, vinyltripropoxysilane,

vinyltriisopropoxysilane, vinyltributoxysilane, vinyltriisobutoxysilane, vinylacetoxysilane, vinyltriisobutoxysilane, vinylbutyltrimethoxysilane, vinylmethyltrimethoxysilane, vinyllethyltrimethoxysilane, vinylpropyltrimethoxysilane, vinylbutyltriethoxysilane, and vinylpropyltriethoxysilane.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of drying said metal surface after said silane solution has been applied thereto, and thereafter coating said metal surface with a polymer selected from the group consisting of: paints, adhesives and rubbers.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said metal surface comprises hot-dipped galvanized steel.

Claims 18-40 (Cancelled).